Blood-Stream Infection (CDC)

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I did find the article worth reading and feel there is a lot of very valuable information in it. I do not think it addresses circumstances related to IV maintenance in the home. I also think a little more attention should have been given to sterile dressing changes and particular emphasis should have been given to preparing an infusion site for administration of IV therapy. Staff nurses are notorious for accessing IV lines without effectively preparing the end cap. A vigorous scrub to the end cap with an alcohol wipe x 15 seconds each and every time the line is accessed could greatly decrease the incidence of CRBSI both in the hospital setting and in the home setting. This should be a focused recommendation in this document.